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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CPI

Gentlemen\Ladies:

I was pleased to learn that the USDA announced last year that it would stop purchasing meat from downed cows for Federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program. This letter is to urge you prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for any purpose.

With the very real threat of Mad Cow Disease, it is Russian roulette to allow animals too sick to stand to be slaughtered for human or animal consumption.

It is the FDA's responsibility to protect Americans from such dangers.

*Thank you!*

Sincerely yours,

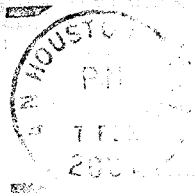
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I have chosen to send this letter to you from a letter-writing service. I chose it because it represents my views and opinions perfectly. It is, however, signed by me as an individual, and I hope you will consider it as such. - Gayle Harris Birk

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